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From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Fri 8/14/2015 5:04:01 PM
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill
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Amelia – Here are a few minor edits to your revisions. With respect to the PAs, please look at the documents themselves and make sure they are not the same as the ones I have already listed. The titles and dates for some of the early site assessment documents are confusing/overlapping. The state conducted the studies I have listed under a cooperative agreement for us through the site assessment program, so I'm not sure it's helpful to draw that distinction.

Thanks,
Steve

From: Piggott, Amelia
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Stavnes, Sandra; Wharton, Steve; Sisk, Richard; Madigan, Andrea
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Here are my suggestions.

Thanks,

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Cc: Piggott, Amelia
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+ Amelia

Amelia-could you look at these responses and let me know what you think. I have reviewed and generally ok with them. I think the need to be as concise as possible. I also am not sure whether there was preliminary assessment work done through removal and the JIC might be able to clarify that. Look forward to hearing from you.

Sandy

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From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Sisk, Richard; Madigan, Andrea
Cc: Stavnes, Sandra

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Richard/Andrea – Here is a first draft of responses to the AP questions listed below.

Thanks,
Steve

From: Stavnes, Sandra
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 7:21 AM
To: Ostrander, David; Wharton, Steve
Cc: Madigan, Andrea; Sisk, Richard; Piggott, Amelia; Smith, Paula; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Mylott, Richard; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

David

I will have folks here today help work on draft answers to give you a start. Steve Wharton is in and can help.

Steve-can you look at the questions below and coordinate answers with LEP to get something back to David this am?

Sandy

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From: Ostrander, David

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 6:38 AM

To: Stavnes, Sandra

Cc: Madigan, Andrea; Sisk, Richard; Piggott, Amelia; Smith, Paula; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Mylott, Richard; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: Re: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Just now finding this email. Still need answers. Some of this can be found in SEMS

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2015, at 4:06 PM, Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:11 PM
To: Stavnes, Sandra
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Sandy”

Lisa M-V thought you might be able to address the questions below from Associated Press. The HQ EOC needs a response from R8 ASAP.

Is this something you can prepare and, if not, to whom should I redirect?

Thanks,

Laura Jenkins

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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Sorry – I thought Rich might respond to this.

I think Sandy Stavnes is best.

Lisa McClain-Vanderpool

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From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:32 PM

To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: FW: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Lisa:

HQ EOC just called and wants to know the status of our responses. If you can give me some folks to reach out to for responses, I'm happy to follow-up. Who in SF can I work with on responses or would you prefer to handle this one?

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From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:39 AM

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Subject: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Rich and Lisa:

Several Qs from AP were routed to us from the EOC. How do you want to answer response development?

Laura

1) Had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?

4) Was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?

5) It's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?

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From: Thomas, Latosha **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information

Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:22 AM

To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Subject: Fw: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hi All,

Please see note below. Could you all work on 1, 4, and the first part of 5? Thanks!

From: Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:17 PM
To: EOC Technical Specialist
Cc: Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne; Stalcup, Dana
Subject: Re: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Thanks! I will send those on to the region.

From: Dreyfus, Melissa G. on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist
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To: EOC Public Information
Cc: Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne; Stalcup, Dana
Subject: Re: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hello,

We believe questions #1 and 4 would be best answered by Region 8, as well as the first part of #5. OSRTI will work on #2, 3 and 5b.

Thanks

Melissa

From: Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:30 PM
To: EOC Technical Specialist
Subject: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hi,

These are a subset of questions from Associated Press re: Superfund and the spill. Thanks!

1) --had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?

2) --how many mines are currently on the National Priorities List? Can we get a list of those or is there a way to search on the Superfund website?

3)--is there a gauge of how often resistance to a Superfund designation by local officials has prevented a site's listing?

4)-was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?

5)--it's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?